

A photograph showing two individuals in traditional African clothing, possibly during a dance or ritual. They are on a dirt ground, and their bodies are adorned with white body paint. The person on the right is in a crouched position, while the person on the left is also crouched, facing away from the camera. In the background, other people wearing colorful patterned skirts are visible.

## Today in History

*January 10, 1997*

▲ The West African nation of Benin declared January 10 a national voodoo holiday, a year after recognising voodoo as an official religion in the country

**1863:** The world's first underground railway, the Metropolitan line, entered service in London

**1949:** The first vinyl records, an analogue sound recording made from a flat disc with an inscribed modulated groove, were introduced

**1993:** Italy's new highway code banned kissing and other amorous effusions at the wheel

**1997:** Arnaldo Aleman was sworn in as president of Nicaragua